



THE CHICKASAW NATION DYNAMIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2016 RECOGNITION AND AWARD

Background:

The Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award was established in October 2006 to honor Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens, served as role models to other Chickasaw women and who, because of their actions, have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

As leaders in education, health care, arts, cultural advocacy, legal professions, politics, social services and community development, Chickasaw women have dared to forge new roads that continue to serve as a force of empowerment for girls, women and men of all ages.

Objective:

The award is intended to pay tribute to a Chickasaw woman who has inspired, given hope or, through her example, opened new possibilities or opportunities for others. It salutes the contributions she has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, of her professional accomplishments, her community enrichment and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation and its people.

Criteria:

Only Chickasaw women 35 years and older are eligible, with proof of citizenship via Chickasaw Nation citizenship documentation and/or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood. Eligible women shall include but are not limited to the following:

- Pioneers in their fields or in a project that benefits the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens.
- Women who have distinguished themselves in a professional field including, but not limited to, education, health care, law, history, cultural advocacy and preservation, language preservation and revitalization, government, civic leadership, aviation and space, business, technology, journalism, banking and finance, children's issues, social services, arts and entertainment.
- Women who, in a quiet, non-public way, have sustained Chickasaw traditions and culture in the family and the community, perpetuating the Chickasaw spirit.
- Women who have championed other women, women's issues or served as an advocate for issues important to women.
- Women who, through their lifestyles, exemplify the character, strength and values of the Chickasaw Nation and its people — honor, integrity, perseverance, visionary leadership and the commitment to family and community.

Employees of the Chickasaw Nation and women currently serving as Chickasaw officials and/or in appointed positions of the tribal executive branch are not eligible.



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Nominations and Selection:

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division at (580) 272-5520, or by emailing paul.baken@chickasaw.net, rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net.

Deadline for nomination and supporting documents is Friday, August 5, 2016.

The nomination form/packet shall include the following:

1. A completed nomination form, with the full name of the citizen being nominated, along with address and contact information of the nominee.
2. A complete and detailed description of the activities of the person and reason(s) for her importance to the Chickasaw Nation, including relevant past and present activities, accomplishments, awards and/or special honors that the nominee has received. The nominee must have distinguished herself in her business, profession, craft or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.
3. A short biographical sketch of the person being nominated. Résumés, vitas, newspaper or magazine articles may also be submitted to support the nomination.
4. A photograph of high quality, black and white or color, of the person nominated. Photos will be returned after final selection is made, if requested.

Completed nominations and accompanying documentation may be mailed to:

The Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division
Post Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821



Or hand delivered to:

The Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division
201 North Broadway Avenue, Ada, Oklahoma

Nominations made by fax may be accepted at (580) 272-5525; however, please note that photography sent by fax may not be clear when it is received. If sending a nomination by fax, please contact our offices to ensure that a completed information packet has been received and is acceptable. A digital photo via email or hard copy photo may be requested as necessary.

Awards:

Once a final selection has been made, the honoree will be notified by phone and mail.



The individual selected will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards during the week of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

2016 CHICKASAW NATION DYNAMIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM



Deadline for nomination and supporting documents: Friday, August 5, 2016

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE NOMINEE YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD. Thank you for printing clearly.

Nominee's full name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Nominee's email address: _____

Phone number of nominee: _____
(check one) home work cell

How long have you known the nominee? _____ Years _____ months

Your relationship to nominee (check one): relative friend coworker other _____

On separate paper, please include a detailed description of:

- Reason for nominee's importance
- Past and present activities of the nominee
- Accomplishments, awards and/or special honors
- Outstanding contributions to family, community and/or the Chickasaw Nation
- Short biographical information, (may include résumé, vita, newspaper or magazine articles or other information)
- A recent photograph (black and white or color; may be returned if requested)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS AND FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINEE, IF REQUIRED.

Your name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best phone to contact you: _____
(check one) home work cell

Please submit this form along with all documentation by **August 5, 2016**, to the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division. Information may be submitted via:

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